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## BIRTH.

At Edinburgh, on November 30th, 1876, the wife of N. B. DUNN, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

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## VISIT OF THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency Kwong Sang-tao, the Chinese Envoy Extraordinary, accompanied by his suite, arrived at Government House, yesterday afternoon. His Excellency, accompanied by his suite, arrived at Government House, yesterday afternoon. His Excellency, accompanied by his suite, arrived at Government House, yesterday afternoon.

At the Chinese Minister to Washington will receive 12,000 taels per annum, and in all probability the Burrows to England will be paid at a higher rate, as their expenses will be undoubtedly greater. While, however, parsimony is to be deprecated, extravagance is at any time equally to be deplored; and the Chinese Ambassador will have an opportunity of proving to the British public that Orientalers are not necessarily ostentatious. The Ambassadors have much to see, much to learn. That their country and Government will profit by the experience they will gain cannot be doubted. Chinese mandarins will for the first time come into contact with Western civilization in its highest development, and will see for themselves what the modern Babylon is like, and will be able to compare their own institutions with those of Great Britain. In nothing else strikes them, they cannot avoid noting the all prevailing activity and bustle, the signs of industry and order, the splendour of the public buildings, and the general opinion of the great city. The darker side they will not at first discover, and when they do they will find that the very poor are far indeed in number compared with the teeming millions who in China drag on a hard-to-mouth existence. They will see some things, perhaps, which will find no particular favour in their eyes, but they will be much impressed with the industrial aspect of British life, and will learn some useful lessons therefrom. It is useless, perhaps, to expect Chinese officials to take much notice of anything that does not bear upon material progress, for they are too thoroughly wedded to their own forms of thought and philosophy, too profoundly convinced of the excellence of their system of administration—a system that affords such good pickings to officials—to think that those of other countries can be superior. But if they remain long enough it is possible that they may obtain some glimmering perception of the faults of their mode of government, and bring back to China some new ideas with regard to legislative and judicial reform. Whether this turns out to be the case, or whether the Ambassadors return to Peking with their prejudices still unimpaired in them, one thing at least is certain—they will acquire a better knowledge and fuller appreciation of the power, resources, and civilization of Great Britain.

The ship *Amie* was to leave Sydney, New South Wales, for Saigon on the 4th ult.

The schooner *Patience* from Newcastle, New South Wales, for Hongkong, with 225 tons of coal, on the 4th ult.

The *Audacious*, a gunboat on the China Station, arrived here yesterday from Amoy. She will shortly go into dock.

The ship of the *Despatch* Squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral Rowley Lamberton, C.B., left here yesterday for Singapore, en route to Borneo.

The *Frigate* *Ironclad* *La Galissoniere*, Captain Odet, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Perrot, commanding the French Squadron, arrived here yesterday from Tahiti, and will be discharged the usual salute.

The American 3-masted schooner *William Phillips*, which arrived here yesterday from New York, and Chong, encountered very rough weather in the Formosa Channel on the 4th inst., when she lost her masted mast, and the vessel was disabled. She was towed to the docks in several places, and was damaged.

A yacht race will be sailed to-morrow, Friday, over a narrow course, starting from the Naval Club, at 9 o'clock a.m. Three yachts have entered, and the three will have a good race. The prize is a silver cup of fifteen shillings, and the race will probably be the most interesting. Another view feature in the race will be the starting of the yachts according to the time of the allowance instead of allowing the time of the end of the match.

Yesterday an inquest was opened on the body of a Chinese named Chang Kung, found dead on the beach at the Naval Club. The body was found on the 4th inst., and was brought to the Hospital in a dying condition. The inquest was held at 4 p.m., and the jury found that the deceased was killed by a blow on the head, and that the blow was struck by a man named Li, who was also found dead on the beach. The jury returned a verdict of death, and the case was adjourned for the purpose of examining the body.

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## POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

**BEFORE THE JUDGE, C.M.Y.**  
Li Ah-ni, a coolie, was charged by one of the Chinese with a bad name, was charged with a new building at the corner of West Street. The prosecutor said several things had been stolen of late, and he was charged with stealing the same. He was fined ten shillings, in default, four months' hard labour.

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**SHANGHAI.**  
A trading company, formed in Japan for the purpose of trading with China, and it is said some special privilege or immunity will be granted by the natives. There is room for a large trade in tin, and in exchange for which China will give sugar, oil, hides, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, wool, and many other articles. The company is now in the process of organizing its operations early in the coming year.

**IRON OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.**  
Has been found in Chihli, not far from the coast, and it is said to be of excellent quality. It is said to be of excellent quality, and it is said to be of excellent quality, and it is said to be of excellent quality.

**NAVIES.**  
The British Government is beginning to consider the present state of the Chinese navy, and it is said some special privilege or immunity will be granted by the natives. There is room for a large trade in tin, and in exchange for which China will give sugar, oil, hides, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, wool, and many other articles.

**THE WOUSUNG RAILROAD.**  
Was reopened for public traffic on the 1st inst. at two p.m., but a special train was got ready at 11.30 a.m., and it was used to celebrate the occasion, though in an informal manner. A party of about twenty, including native officials and foreigners, assembled at the Shanghai Station, and the train was used to celebrate the occasion, though in an informal manner.

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A marine court of inquiry was held on Harbour-Master's Office, Hongkong, on the 30th ult., into the circumstances attending the running down of the American three-masted schooner *Frances Lowrey* by the British steamship *Leonor* on the 19th November. The court consisted of the Hon. C. May, (President), Capt. H. G. Thomasset, (Harbour-Master), Capt. Cairns (Government Marine Surveyor), Tobin, Esq., J.P., and Captain E. Smith, master of the steamship *Dombay*.

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JOHN LEECH, the *Leonor*. "I had the water from ten to twelve on the night of the collision. I was looking through the glass-ward of the steering-house and saw a green light about four o'clock and very near to us. When I saw it, I looked up to the bridge, but could not see the officer of the watch. About five minutes after I saw the light I went down and put the lights on. By the time I got to the captain there came two spokes, and the captain then came along and ordered us to turn it over. We struck the schooner about twenty or thirty seconds after the collision. He remembered the collision. He saw on a boat looking out at the time. He saw a white light, and told the third officer about it. When he came close he saw a white sailing ship, and he saw the schooner's light."

At this stage, the inquiry was adjourned. The inquiry was resumed on the 1st inst. John Brown, who was the only witness to the collision, was asked to remember the height of the lighthouse at the time of the collision. He said that he was in charge of the watch. There were fifty pounds of steam, and the engine was working at a pressure of 100 pounds. The ship was working that. The main mast appeared to be broken. There was a clock in the engine room. At about 10.50 p.m. it was crossed by the lighthouse. The engine was working at a pressure of 100 pounds. He heard the steam whistle blown about a minute before. When he heard the steam whistle, he gave the word stand by rings while the engine was working. It rang after the whistle was blown. The signal stop and fall was given. The engine was working at a pressure of 100 pounds. The engine was stopped and reversed the engine. He did not remember going on deck during his watch. There was a mail on the ship. It was going about eight knots. The engines were reversed after a few seconds. He knew nothing about the collision or how it happened.

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to have the *Frances Leamy* some time before the accident." They had a general conversation on board and it soon appeared that the *Leamy* was fishing about the colling on board the steamer.

The court then adjourned.

The Inquest was held on the 4th inst. and the jury, who were sworn, said they used no glasses whilst on the bridge, but could not if he did so, after seeing the green light. The court was then closed for decision.

**THE "MECCA" IN A STORM.**

The *Mecca*, which arrived here on the 1st inst., reports left Cooktown on the 29th inst. for the Straits of Macassar. The wind and weather. Cleared Booby Island on the 1st inst. with calm and light breeze. Through Agassiz Sea had wind, but no rain. Entered the Straits of Macassar on the 2nd inst. with variable winds, thunder, lightning, and rain. On the 2nd had fresh wind and rain. Entered the Gulf of Macassar on the 3rd inst. Calabes Sea on the 23rd at noon. This morning the wind was fresh and the sea heavy squalls and rain, continued all the way to the Straits of Macassar. The Straits of Macassar, which were entered at 11 a.m. on the 24th inst. The time passed

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SIR THOMAS WADE AT SHANGHAI.

**SIR THOMAS WADE AT SHANGHAI.**  
A large number of Indian residents assembled on the 23rd ult. at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Shanghai, to present a valedictory address to Sir Thomas Wade, K.O.B., on the occasion of his departure to England.  
Mr. BELL, in presenting the address, said:—  
Sir Thomas, it is a great pleasure, as well as a great honour to me to have been appointed to read to you an address from the Foreign community of Shanghai.

He then read as follows:-  
 To SIR THOMAS FRANCIS WARE, K.O.B.,  
 Surveyor-Estuary and Minister Plenipotentiary and Agent Superintendent of British Affairs in China.  
 SIR:- We feel that we should be neglecting duty and foregoing a privilege, if we showed you to leave China without offering you a public expression of our personal regard and official respect.

You have been identified with forefiliation with China for thirty-four years, and your name will be always associated with the great changes which have taken place in the great empire. You are one of those amongst our Chinese memory carries them back to the time when, after God had saved Her Majesty both as a soldier and a civilian in the South, you were transferred to fill a consulate in Canton, and you have since been engaged in a double occupation, and old residents remember your zeal as a Volunteer Officer, and your labours in laying the foundation of the existing Chinese Customs Service.

Afterwards amongst us, attached to the Embassy of the late Lord Elgin; and the Treaty of Peking itself furnishes ample proof of the assistance rendered by the Chinese Government to the course of his mission; and in the inauguration of the new system of intercourse with the Chinese Government.

Since our relations with China have been assumed a different aspect, but they have been more difficult to preserve in a satisfactory condition, as the recollection of the pressure applied to the Chinese Government by the British Government is still vivid; and as the intercourse of the once isolated Empire with foreign States has become more extended and complicated.

Since the Chinese Government has been elevated to the position of British Minister, we have long admired the indefatigable spirit with which you have devoted your energies to the furtherance of the interests of the Chinese Empire, and we have at the same time endeavored to promote the advancement of the Chinese themselves in that path of progress which alone means of securing the advance of all.

We can readily see how many complications

mat have often been the work of the diplomat in dealing with a Government proptially averse to change, and suspicious of suggestions that showed how important it was inseparable from tomorrow's peace. You had secured was shown plainly by the confidence reposed in your counsel during a recent difference between China and Japan; by the wisdom which he helped to prevent, flatter and to show those two countries untiles you public gratitude.

But the last year has shown especially advantage of the presence of a Minister in London. It has been a year of great industrial activity, and of great political change. An interruption of peaceful relations with the Imperial Government, which was much availed, all thoughtful men, and has been created by your endeavors, is spread of the world, and the direct effect of the

country imperatively claimed that, towards the end of the year, the Government had obtained 'reduces for urgent necessities'. We have lately seen reports of the Government's intention to 'abolish the tariff' between the British Government and China, arising out of the unhappy occurrence of the 'Boxer' rebellion, and the agreement signed between yourself and the plenipotentiary appointed to meet you at Chefoo, and we have been gratified by the assurance given to the plenipotentiary that the Government had bestowed upon every point appertaining to Foreign intercourse with China. With a view to the execution of the arrangements pertaining to trade, we beg to offer the tribute of thanks for the advantages you have endeavoured to secure to Foreign Commerce, and to the Government of the Province, and to the numerous subjects of discontent between the authorities of China and our own. It is not our province to dispute the propriety of the measures and proposals which have been so useful to other students of Chinese language; but, though scholars as they may be, they are not labourers, and, as such, by the example you have presented to us

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recounters of outrages such as that which the late discussion owed its first commencement to. For it is from events such as the Yansen outrages that we have to apprehend misunderstandings prejudicial to our interests in China, whether moral or material. I do not say that my question has been answered. The cause of the evil lies deep, and it will take time to remove it. But I hope that another step has been made towards its removal. If, as I have been wonted to utter, calamity of the kind are to be

attributed to the exclusivism that has unhappily distinguished the foreign policy of China. It is of course in the diminution of this exclusivism that we find the cause of our mutual feeling; that we are not in any way less friendly to the United States than we are to any other nation, and that we desire the same understanding and the same improvement of feeling we have, as a right to expect, save through the increase of knowledge that can only follow upon increased familiarity with the foreigner and upon the doing of which the multiplication of points of contact by which the peoples of China will be benefited, while her intercourse with the outer world is enlarged, has special importance. In part at least, this is the reason why, in particular, I attach so much value to the present occasion, and I am not ashamed to admit that, in preparing the remarks conceded upon the Chinese Government, I have been actuated by a desire to do the very best I could for the purpose of doing the full as great for the progress of the democratic principle as I could for the purpose of doing the wrong, major or minor. I feel convinced that the barriers between them and other nations once away, there will be nothing to

under the Chinese flag, and the  
peace of the world, the equal of the great  
powers upon earth, and although  
I should regret that self-interest has  
any place in connection with the  
victory, equally strong that our interest  
here will not be better served than by the  
development of China to the  
you long, I can only beg you to accept the  
because that I have no time to make it shorter  
I must repeat that I am  
which I feel that  
pleasure that it has afforded me the opportunity  
of saying farewell to so many who are children  
my friends and acquaintances with whom  
at an earlier period of my connection with  
China, I have passed many happy hours.  
may say, happy days, and I  
the ground around us  
covered by an imposing Settlement, was re-  
bunk, and when I recall all that has passed  
socially and politically in the  
China, where Englishmen have  
congregated, if I think of the word patri-  
archal

learned direct vessel of about 330 tons, and  
in the week ending 10th, several communi-  
cations were received from the ship, and  
all my best wishes for their success in en-  
terprise in which an Englishman may have  
hope to prosper, and that in your case, in  
particular, that you will be very prosperous  
and successful in all your undertakings.  
I bid you very hearty adieu, and  
farewell. (Applause). — *N. C. Harris.*

### HONGKONG

The British steamer *Conquest*, which arrived  
here on the 24th inst., brought intelligence to  
the French Consulate, Hanoi, was reported  
have set out on his voyage to Yunnan about  
the 20th of November.

All vessels coming from the South report a  
very bad weather. The British steamship *Car-  
brooke* met with such bad weather that, di-  
recting to the heavy head seas, a seaman, on the

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enough to read a newspaper, and the fact that the deceased was a native of the State of Connecticut had been seen. Lynd Charles Scott, Captain of U.S.M.S. *Naragansett*, and Commander Jephson gave similar and corroborative testimony. Edward H. Thompson, a gentleman on board the *Naragansett*, stated that he arrived at the vessel about 10 o'clock and had been directed to wait after the man was said to have died, and walked through the dockyard to ask Mr. Gillies to put him and his three comrades on the ship. He did not see any man lying on the wharf, and in reply to the Coast and Guard's question as to whether he had seen any man lying on the wharf, he said he had seen him, seeing him: Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon, who had been summoned, having been present at the post-mortem examination, gave evidence to the effect that the deceased's spleen was ruptured on both

was the result of a fall. In all cases, the rupture of the spleen that had come to his knowledge, the rupture was on one side only, when caused by a blow. Some other evidence was taken, and the case was closed on the 1st inst. On the 2nd instant the Chief Justice announced, up, and the jury, after some deliberation, returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty. Mr. Gillies was accordingly discharged.

2363. I wish to consider the formation of a horticultural society, and to recommend the following gentlemen as members:—  
Messrs Magpie (chairman), Rev. J. Lamont, H. Adams,  
Adams, Moore, Price, Ford, B. Sharp, Holburn,  
Morgan, McManis, Fairbairn, Taylor, Arthurson,  
Rae, J. Moffat, Sutherland, Gordon,  
Dietrich, Macpherson, Macdonald, Mackenzie,  
and Briggs. Mr. Price explained that the  
Government having successfully established  
the flower show, it was now thought desirable  
to diversify it, all effluvia could leave the city  
entirely in the hands of the Horticultural  
Society, which would be recommended by His Excellency the  
Governor to express his best wishes for the success  
of the proposed new horticultural society,  
and to state that any advice or assistance  
which might be required would be  
furnished at once; he also stated that  
the use of the public gardens would be placed  
at the service of the society as often as they  
might want them for the yearly or bi-yearly  
shows, and the Government employees  
would be instructed to express their  
co-operation in such matters.

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subscribers had been so numerous, that the amount of the subscription had exceeded the sum of \$100,000. The committee had been so successful in their efforts, that they had been able to secure the subscription of \$100,000. The committee had been so successful in their efforts, that they had been able to secure the subscription of \$100,000.

persons concerned was held at which it was decided to resist payment of what is demanded by the contractor.

A rather mysterious murder was committed in Man Si Lane, in the Western suburb, on the night of the 23rd inst. The victim was a man who had just completed a contract with a rich merchant. It appears that the latter had a house which had fallen in decay, and was to be pulled down. The contractor was to be paid for the work done on the day above named, and the owner of the house paid the contractor the balance of his bill.

The contractor remained in the house for the night, as his home was distant and it was quite dark. Next morning when the proprietor, who had been astounded and horrified to find the contractor stretched out in one of the rooms, a search was made and the body of the contractor was discovered. His money for the work which the crime had been perpetrated, was missing. The master was very much alarmed, and at once sent out inquiries; but no trace of the murderers has yet been uncovered. Suspicion rests upon the employees.

The Incendiarism is getting riot in this city, attempts of the kind have happened within less few days. The first occurred at the residence of a wealthy shop in the Fourth of the Western suburb, but was fortunately covered in time to allow of its being abated before much damage was done. The other an attempt to burn a near by powder factory where a quantity of gunpowder, which nefarious was happily also discovered before it could be carried out.

MAOAO.  
*(From our own Correspondent.)*

23rd November  
A curious case of robbery and incendiarism has recently occurred at this port. A day or two since the residence of a wealthy Chinese named Ouan was visited by a large band of robbers, who, however, carried off scarcely anything but such articles as were of little value; but, hurt away from the place, they set fire to the house, three female servants, and a little child. The robbery was estimated at \$20,000. The author has been reported to the Authorities, but whether any and what have been taken for the recovery of this valuable booty has not transpired. It is very probable we are soon to hear more of this sort of crime.

SWATOW.  
*(From our own Correspondent.)*

1st December  
There is little or nothing doing here, the ship of freights, which still rule upon the wharves and are not likely to rise this winter season. We are having very warm weather, except on the mornings and evenings, which are cool and reasonably calm.

About the American Consulate, it is settled that Mr. Howland, who has been a long agent, and I now enclose a copy of circular sent out just now, in which you will find that Mr. Henderson, the American Consul at Amoy, has authorized Mr. Howland to employ him as his agent.

The following is the circular in question:

SWATOW, December 1st, 1867.  
In obedience to an instruction from the Department of State, I have nominated Mr. Wm. Otis Howland, who has been assigned to take charge of the agency formerly established here, and so inform you that he is appointed to the United States until further notice.

(Signed) J. V. HENDERSON,  
Consul for Amoy, and the Dependencies in connection with SWATOW, December 1st, 1867.

In compliance with this office's order, I am sending you this copy turned over the article of Consulate to Mr. W. O. Howland.

(Signed) ISAAC F. SHERBARD,  
U. S. Consul retired.

Two of the largest wine casks ever imported here have lately landed at the London Wharf, St. Catharine's Dock. One contained 860 gallons of cherry, the other 900 gallons of orange wine. The latter had to be filled on board the vessel at Oporto, as there was no room at the dock wharf enough to refill it.

The Anjou amateurs intend giving another theatrical performance shortly, and are having roles cast just now. The pieces selected are "John's Mienke" and "Six Months Ago" which the Anjouites have rendered in the past. The troupe is composed of the following:—Mr. and Mrs. Boston, Capt. Kroach. The troupe is bound from Singapore for Shanghai with a cargo of Straite timber and spars, and put into this port six months ago in a leaky state. After effecting the necessary repairs, they proceeded to set three weeks more, and then springing a leak, are now bound somewhere near Brunei Port, below Ooluea. The captain and crew have been saved and are now here. The "Gigant" arrived here yesterday, and the audacious, with Admiral Ryder on board, this morning, on route for Hongkong.

nouncing the opening of new coal-mines in the districts North of Tai-wan (Formosa). Some time ago, Shen Pao-chien, the former Governor of this province, applied to the Emperor for permission to work these mines, and received the Imperial authority. The T'ung-tai Yangtze then deputed some foreign mining engineers to go and inspect the proposed coal-fields, and authorised them to purchase the necessary plant; this has now arrived, and the engineers are returning and will at once proceed to erect

The requisite buildings. We also hear that the Ting T'ing-chang has suggested to the Governor General the advisability of erecting a "Wan-an" (a new administrative town) at Canton, an overseas Chinese colony of this province in Formosa. This official was formerly manager of the arsenal at Fok-chow. Ting Fu-tai is also considered that Fok-chow should be sent to rear up the soldiers who were sent to the Philippines, and to plants which are believed to exist in the southern part of this Island. If these four things are found to exist, it is intended to take measures for training them to good account.—*Sit-pao.*

**FOOCHOW.**  
(From our own Correspondent.)  
November 28th 1876.

A disastrous conflagration occurred yesterday at a house, just outside this city. The fire broke out about midnight, and the morning broke with a strong wind, blowing from the north with a strong and annoying rapidity. It raged for several hours, and more than two thousand houses and shops were burnt to the ground, but for the flames were but tinder.—Three or four

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The Courier has mentioned that Mr. Fry and the Rev. Y. J. Allen had received marks of favor from the Imperial Government in connection with their services in connection with the Klingang A Arsenal. It should be added that those gentlemen were not only ones who had been so favored. Mr. Fry has received a commission as Major-General, and Mr. Allen the fifth. And we understand that six others of the foreigners connected with the Arsenal have also received rank. Mr. Bayley a button of the fourth rank, and Mr. Hays a button of the third rank, and Remue of the fifth. We are also informed that during his recent visit to Shanghai, Freycinet presented Messrs. Allen, Kenzie, Beebeesneider with silk robes and medals upon them. There is a difference between the ranks of the literary and mechanical employés.

The official trial of the new star-auger, built by Messrs. Furman and Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong, was held on Monday, 10th inst. Regarding the vessel's capability, sufficient shown to prove that she is a fast boat, the to Halfway Point, being as nearly as possible 100 miles per hour.

Kiang-Kieser, tried a few days previously new steamer in named the Pao-Kong we may be freely interpreted. Shao-Tranquien, the new steamer, is a 100-ton vessel, with a breadth of 29 feet, and depth of 5 feet 6 inches. Upon that displacement will be 100 tons, and the engine is probably 450 tons dead weight. The engines are new, and of the horizontal pattern, of horse-power nominal, working to about 1000 revolutions per minute, and of three feet. With 500 lbs. of steam, she made 32 revolutions, and with 700 lbs. (thence 1000 lbs.) she made 34 revolutions, and with 800 lbs. she made 36 revolutions, with 3-horse

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building in Kokura is the present head-quarters of the troops. In every village between Kokura and Toyotomi is a detachment of soldiers and policemen, who examine minutely the names and haughtiness of every man. Thus private intercourse between the two towns is virtually put a stop to. — *Japan Gazette.*

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